

## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the state of Iowa recognizes the economy demands a Future Ready Iowa with postsecondary education and training credentials and the ability to respond immediately to changing economic and business needs; and
- WHEREAS, the state has set the Future Ready Iowa goal of 70 percent of Iowa's workforce having education and training beyond high school by the year 2025; and
- WHEREAS, registered apprenticeship is a vital component of talent development strategies in many high demand and high growth sectors and is recognized as a critical postsecondary education, training and employment option; and
- whereas, registered apprenticeship programs enhance economic vitality and lead to a stronger economic environment by producing highly skilled and competitive workers and providing workers with skills versatility, potable credentials recognized nationally and often globally; and
- WHEREAS, the state of Iowa recognizes the strength and leadership which results from our federal and state partnership and our sponsors of registered apprenticeship programs; and
- WHEREAS, individuals in registered apprenticeship programs can "earn while they learn" and often receive academic credit as they advance; and
- WHEREAS, the sponsors have offered solid educational opportunities through on the job learning and related technical instruction which serves to enhance the economic vitality of our state; and
- WHEREAS, the Iowa apprenticeship and job training act was signed into law in 2014 which forms a public-private partnership to grow apprenticeships to help more Iowans gain the skills needed for rewarding careers:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim November 14-20, 2016, as

## REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP APPRECIATION AND AWARENESS WEEK

and further call upon all iowans to recognize the purpose and value of registered apprenticeship training and to pursue its further expansion.

ATTEST:

PAUL D. PATE

SECRETARY OF STATE

LORD TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN.

TERRY E. BRANSTAD

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 10th DAY OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR

TERRY E. BRANGTAD GOVERNOR OF IQWA